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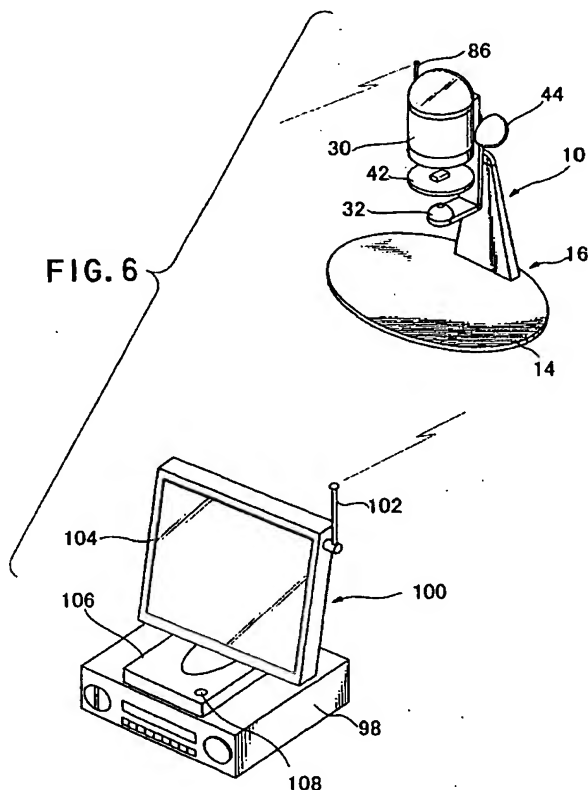
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**(54) Microscope with wireless television camera**

(57) A television camera apparatus having a microscopic unit (10) and observing unit or a monitor unit (100) are not connected to each other by cable, and this eliminates restrictions of a relative position of the microscopic unit (10) to the monitor unit (100), so as to facilitate indoor observation of samples such as snow as they would be in their respective natural environments. The present invention is also directed to providing a television camera apparatus (40) of a simple configuration which allows an observer to see samples from desired positions without rotating the sample-mounting plate (42). The television camera apparatus is provided with a base (12), a supporting arm (22) pivotally fixed about a rotation axis orthogonal to the base, a sample-mounting plate (42), microscopic object optics (30), and illuminating optics (32) attached respectively to the supporting arm (22), and a wireless television camera unit (40) located in an imaging position in the microscopic object optics.

**FIG. 6**





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television microscope with wireless camera unit/object  
optics and illuminating optics fixed on a rotatable  
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2. Claim : 10

television camera apparatus with object lens barrel,  
wireless camera and a wireless display device

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